

Chandler, Ingram score big at Invite

Junior college transfer scorches 60-meter field

By Samuel McKewon

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Chris Chandler thought there was something wrong with him.

Not even one year removed from the junior college national championship in the 55-meter dash, the Cornhusker junior sprinter had been, by his standards, downright slow in the 60-meter races during opening meets of the season.

But Chandler found a recipe for success at Saturday's Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational at Bob Devaney Sports Center: nothing.

After taking last week off from training, Chandler scorched the field in the 60-meter finals, running an NCAA-automatic qualifying time of 6.61 seconds, 0.01 off the meet and building record, set by Texas-El Paso's Odabele Thompson in 1990.

Chandler was one of two Husker men to win individual titles in the two-day meet, which drew an overall attendance of 7,260. The other winner was freshman shot-putter Carl Myerscough, who beat six of the nation's top 10 shot-putters with a 64-foot, 8-inch toss, the best of his career.

The field for the 60-meter dash wasn't near as elite. Buf Chandler, a transfer from Wallace State College in Alabama, won't give back the victories or the time, considering the previous best this season was 6.75.

"Sooner or later, I saw this coming," said Chandler, who was named the Outstanding Male Athlete of the meet after capturing the 200-meter title 45 minutes after his 60-meter victory. "I couldn't figure out what was wrong with me. I'm the junior college national champion, and I come here and nothing."

"I thought maybe it was the adjustment to a bigger school. I had been waiting to perform at this level. But I think I'm good now."

Certainly. With his time, Chandler puts himself right in the thick of the national championship race and firmly places himself as the favorite going into the Big 12 Championships in two weeks in Ames, Iowa. The fastest collegiate 60-meter time this season is 6.58.

Chandler said he can go faster. And has gone faster. NU Sprints Coach Billy Maxwell said he wasn't so sure of the latter statement. Maxwell does not doubt the junior will go faster.

"We worked him hard before last



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ABOVE: IN THE third heat of the men's 800 meters, as Mark Owens of Nebraska runs past, Trayvis Lowery of Barton County College gets tripped and falls on the track. In avoiding Lowery, Ronnie Unberhagen stepped off the track. Neither Unberhagen nor Lowery finished the heat.

week," Maxwell said. "So he needed the week off. He'll be ready to go lower if we put him through only one tough workout a week."

The 6-foot-10 Myerscough doesn't doubt that he can throw further. While his final throw of the competition is just 2 1/4 inches short of the nation's best, and he beat the field — which included No. 1 Jim Roberts from Brigham Young — by 10 inches, Myerscough didn't "feel his best" Saturday.

"I'm still recovering from being sick last week," he said.

One look at the field cured the freshman right up. After some long throws in warm-ups from Georgia's Reece Hoffa, who finished second, Myerscough understood what he was up against. He took the lead with a throw of 64-5 in the preliminaries, then threw 64-8 on his final throw, when it was already decided he had won.

"I put the pressure on myself there," Myerscough said. "I knew I could go further."

Another freshman, pole-vaulter Eric Eshbach, wanted a title of his own, but finished second behind Louisiana State's Russ Buller, who took the nation's lead in the event after clearing 18-2 1/4 Saturday. Eshbach

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LEFT: GARRETT SCHRAMM of South Dakota lays on the infield of the track at the Bob Devaney Sports Center on Saturday during the finals in the pole vault. But when he failed to clear the opening height he decided to get some rest.

Ingram finally nabs Sevigne crown

By Jamie Suhr

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In the final home indoor meet of her career, Nebraska's Dalhia Ingram finally got what she was waiting for — first place in the long jump at the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational.

And only a record-breaking performance from Louisiana State's Keisha Spencer in the triple jump

kept Ingram from winning her second event at the Invitational, held at the Bob Devaney Sports Center Track on Friday and Saturday.

Ingram leapt 20 feet, 6 1/2 inches to claim the title over second place Spencer, who leaped 20 feet, 5 inches.

"I finally got it," Ingram said. "I didn't get the jump I wanted, but a win is a win."

Also falling to Ingram was

Georgia's Tasha Mahone, ranked the No. 1 long-jumper in the country. She finished third with a jump of 20 feet, 2 1/4 inches.

"I got a boost of confidence," Ingram said, "but last year I was ranked No. 1 and finished seventh at nationals, so I don't put much stock into that."

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ISU's 2nd half run throttles NU

"I thought they turned up the defensive pressure. They shot a higher percentage. They beat us down the floor."

Danny Nee
NU basketball coach

By Brian Christopherson

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AMES, Iowa — Perhaps, at the very least, the Nebraska basketball team salvaged a glimmer of hope, however small, from the lesson they received in an 87-65 knockout from No. 17 Iowa State.

It now knows it can play with the big boys for spells, but a 40-minute wire-to-wire game with the Cyclones on the road is still a long way from home.

The Cyclones (21-3 overall and 9-1 in the Big 12 Conference) drove the point home to any doubters that they are realistically the heavyweight of the conference, but those pesky Cornhuskers buzzed around them for a half on Saturday night.

The fact that Nebraska did outscore Iowa State 23-5 for a stretch in the first half is the only positive the Huskers can grasp at, after dropping to 10-13, and 3-7

in the conference.

Then came the second half. A fan who overstayed a half-time trip to the bathroom would find to the surprise and delight of most of the 14,017 in attendance that the 38-34 ISU lead had blossomed into a 70-45 rout 8:12 into the second half.

"I thought they turned up the defensive pressure," Nebraska Coach Danny Nee said. "They shot a higher percentage. They beat us down the floor."

Big 12 player of the year candidate Marcus Fizer tallied a game-high 23 points knocking down nine of 10 shots, enjoying the last 11 minutes of the show from the comfort of the bench.

"It's runs. I thought Nebraska was competitive in the first half, and I was pleased how we came back when we were

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Nebraska holds on late against No. 21 KU

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The scene had become all too familiar for the Nebraska women's basketball team.

In two of their last three games, all losses, the Cornhuskers held tenuous leads late in the game only to see them evaporate, in part because of questionable calls at the end of the game.

Against No. 23 Kansas on Sunday, it appeared as though NU might get snake bitten again. Nebraska seemed to be in control, ahead 68-61 with 2:45 left in the game, only to see the Jayhawks go on an 11-4 run the next two minutes to tie the game at 72.

But this time, the Huskers got a few breaks of their own as they defeated Kansas 75-72 in front of a season-high crowd of 7,901 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Senior guard Nicole Kubik, who reached her season high in points with 29 and rebounds with nine, said it was nice to get a few breaks for a change.

"The past few games it seemed like we've been getting the bad side of a few calls," said Kubik, who also led NU with five steals and four assists. "You can look at it as Kansas getting a couple of tough calls this game. We're the type of team that commits to that it happens both ways."

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